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Field Crops

Alfalfa harvest is active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. **Alfalfa** condition remains mostly fair to good. Range and pasture conditions across the State are very poor to poor.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cabbage and carrots. Citrus produce was also shipped. The spring potato harvest is underway.

Western Arizona growers shipped iceberg lettuce.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
		-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	2	37	45	16	
Range and Pasture	50	25	13	11	1	

Crop Progress

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	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5- Year Avg.		
	- Percent -					
Cotton - Planted	56	35	68	65		
Durum Wheat - Headed	70	60	83	87		
Barley - Headed	63	52	84	81		

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly below normal for the week ending April 30. Temperatures ranged from 6 degrees below normal at Coolidge and Paloma to 7 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 100 degrees at Roll, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon

at 20 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 7 of the 22 reporting stations. Flagstaff received the most at 0.25 inches of precipitation. Paloma and Roll received the lowest precipitation at 0.01 inches. All of the reporting stations are at below normal precipitation for the year to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data

April 24 - April 30, 2006 Temperature Precipitation Past Departure Jan. 1 Station Avg. Dep. 1/ High Low Week to Date From Normal Aguila 65 -2 93 40 0.00 0.29 -3.54 Buckeye 67 -3 95 46 0.16 1.09 -1.36 -5 Canyon De Chelly 51 75 26 0.00 1.36 -1.22-6 95 Coolidge 64 42 0.00 2.37 -0.67Douglas 62 -1 86 41 0.00 0.19 -1.67 Flagstaff 45 -1 67 25 0.25 3.42 -4.74 **Grand Canyon** 47 7 70 20 -5.73 0.00 2.42 0 39 Kingman 61 82 0.00 -2.341.13 Marana 67 -3 96 44 0.00 1.15 -2.45-5 Maricopa 67 96 47 0.00 2.44 -0.26Paloma -6 97 44 -1.7666 0.01 0.88 Parker 70 -4 97 48 0.00 0.26 -1.79Payson 53 -3 74 32 0.04 1.48 -5.87 Phoenix 72 -2 92 57 0.00 1.57 -0.88 3 Prescott 54 75 34 0.21 1.65 -4.05 -3 Roll 68 100 46 0.01 0.32 -0.60 Safford 65 2 90 41 0.00 0.81 -1.25St. Johns 58 3 83 36 0.03 1.28 -1.32 -2 Tucson 67 90 49 0.00 0.41 -2.182 Willcox 62 87 37 0.00 0.22 -2.262 Winslow 57 82 34 0.00 0.29 -1.49 -5 Yuma 69 97 47 0.00 0.36 -0.64

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^{1/} Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.